Funds for Andheri-Ghatkopar corridor

1553. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Maharashtra has forwarded a proposal of obtaining external aid for Andheri-Ghatkopar corridor in Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Government of Maharashtra has requested to provide 25 per cent of equity to make this project viable; and

(d) if so, the action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Versova-Andheri-Ghatkopar corridor is proposed to be executed on Build Own Operate Transfer (BOOT) basis. Government of Maharashtra has initiated the bidding process. No firm proposal has been received by the Central Government based on the outcome of the bidding process.

In-principal approval of Planning Commission for this corridor has been conveyed to the State Government in April, 2005.

Private builders in public housing projects

1554. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the DDA has allowed private sector in public housing projects in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the terms and conditions for private participation in construction projects in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Draft MPD-2001 which had been notified by Delhi Development Authority (DDA) on 8.4.2005 for inviting objections/ suggestions from the public envisages a multi pronged strategy for

provision of housing stock and for delivery of serviced land, with the involvement of private sector, in addition to the public agencies. The involvement of private agencies is envisaged for development of housing as well as slum rehabilitation and reconstruction.

Re-location of jhuggies

1555. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DDA has planned a site near Bawana Industrial Area Western Yamuna Canal for re-location of jhuggies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the date by which the project would be cleared and work would be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) DDA has reported that it has no plan at present for relocation on jhuggies to the said site.

Entry of private builders

1556. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to permit private builders to enter the domain of the Development Authorities;

(b) if so, the details thereof: and

(c) whether the houses built by Development Authorities are not strong enough to live in?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The policies to be adopted by various Development Authorities are decided by the concerned State Governments as this is a State subject.

However, in so far as Delhi Development Authority (DDA) is concerned, the Draft Master Plan for Delhi (MPD) 2021 envisages a multi-pronged strategy for provision of housing stock and for delivery of serviced land,